

**Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Transportation Commission
Staff Update Meeting
August 15, 2013**

The Utah Transportation Commission convened in a Staff Update Meeting with UDOT staff on August 15, 2013, in the Heber City Offices Conference Room, 75 North Main Street, Heber City, Utah, at 3:21 p.m. In attendance were:

Commission Members: Jeff Holt, Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Eddie Cox, Naghi Zeenati.

UDOT Staff: Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Bill Lawrence, Bob Pelly, Nile Easton, John Gleason, Bryan Adams, Teri Newell, LeAnn Abegglen.

Welcome and Review Agenda

Shane Marshall welcomed the group and reviewed the Staff Update meeting agenda.

SR-92 Project Update

Bryan Adams used a PowerPoint presentation for his SR-92 project update. The update covered the following information: project background and goals, project area, project features, increased capacity and mobility, increased safety, economic development, current status, investment summary, project close-out summary, and project highlights. There was extensive discussion regarding several aspects of the project.

Draft Prioritized Capacity Projects

Bill Lawrence distributed handouts on the draft prioritized capacity projects. He talked about the Long Range Plan (LRP) and reviewed the information on the handouts. They contain three phases of projects that were categorized and ranked within each phase using UDOT's prioritization processes and are listed in the following six categories: widening existing facilities, new facilities, upgrade existing at-grade intersections, new interchanges on existing freeways, upgrade existing interchanges, and passing lanes. He said recommendations are brought forward to do a LRP project or a portion of it. When UDOT LRP projects are approved for funding by the Commission, they are moved onto the STIP for design and construction. Funded projects need to come from Phase 1 of the LRP.

Wireless Charging

Shane Marshall presented information on a first-of-its kind electric bus that is charged through wireless charging technology and was developed at Utah State University. It was noted that WAVE, Inc., in partnership with UTA, would launch the first commercial deployment on the University of Utah's campus in the near future. There was detailed explanation and discussion regarding the wireless charging technology being used.

Electronics Discussion

Shane Marshall stated that there have been requests made to provide iPads to the Commission for use during Commission meetings to cut down the amount of paperwork needed for the meetings. There were discussions regarding the pros and cons of purchasing the iPads, making sure state policy was followed, and making sure they are used for appropriate purposes. Each Commissioner shared their thoughts regarding the issue. It was decided that for those interested, staff would start the purchase process in the near future.

Open Discussion

Director Braceras announced that with the recent retirement of Ahmad Jaber, there have been some changes made to leadership. Jason Davis will become the Operations Engineer and Nathan Lee will become the Region Two Director. A new Region Four Director would hopefully be named by the end of the month. Also, the Procurement Division will be moved under the Comptroller office. There was additional discussion regarding potential boundary and other changes for Region Four.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary